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**RE:** Enclosed After-Non-Final Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and Petition  
and Fee for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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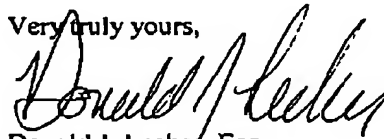
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Dear Examiner AFZALI,

Enclosed for filing is a After-Non-Final Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 in response to the Office Action mailed on January 23, 2006, in the above-referenced application, which is believed to place of the application in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



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